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Selectmen
and
Superintending School Committee
of
NEW-LONDON

Year Ending March 2, 1857

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OF THE

TOWN OF NEW-LONDON,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 2, 1857.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

DISBURSEMENTS BY THE SELECTMEN.

Ministerial Department.

Paid Micajah Morgan, for Baptist Society,	\$53.24
Stephen Davis, for Universalist Society,	18.10
Samuel Shephard, for Christian Society,	8.06
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	79.40

School Department.

Paid James M. Jewett, for District No. 1,	81.94
Albert S. Worthen, " " 2,	89.88
Benj. R. Andrews, " " 3,	183.03
Samuel Shepard, " " 4,	101.54
Joseph E. Phillips, " " 5,	101.15
Adam Davis, " " 6,	69.66
Joseph C. Adams, " " 7,	54.99
Nathan Trow, his tax for 1856,	2.68
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	\$684.87

Town Debts and Expenses.

Paid McFarland & Jenks, for printing reports,	13.50
N. H. Asylum, for support of E. K. F. Pingree,	101.00
Hiram Gillingham, for damage done to his house in District No. 16,	50.00
Anthony S. Page, for plank for highway,	2.03
Amos Hastings, for one pew,	.34
James Hayes, for one pew,	.33
Sarah Stevens, for one pew,	.25
Teachers' Institute,	18.12
for morphine and pills,	16.75

Paid S. H. Quimby, for one coffin for Carr Buswell,	4.50
the City of Manchester, for the support of one child of Andrew Burpee,	13.00
Daniel Randlet, for taking and clothing one child of Andrew Burpee,	65.00
expenses for the same,	11.45
for making out papers for the same,	1.50
E. G. Hastings, for digging fifteen graves,	31.25
E. G. Hastings, for driving hearse,	5.95
E. G. Hastings, for plank for bridge,	1.85
E. G. Hastings, for breaking out highway,	1.50
G. W. Craft, for breaking out highway,	8.50
J. T. Prescott, for work on highway,	5.00
B. R. Andrews, for work on highway,	.66
G. W. Andrews, for work on highway,	1.60
S. M. Whipple's bill,	18.50
Andrew J. Sargent, for school house lot,	137.50
J. E. Phillips, Joel Fletcher and B. W. Gaysbell,	7.00
B. W. Gay, for plank,	2.32
Wm. Prescott, for services on town farm for 1855,	75.00
S. R. Pike, for way-marks on Sunapee Lake,	1.00
John Currier, for way-marks on Sunapee Lake,	1.00
Wm. Bennett, for school house repairs, Dist. No. 7,	25.00
Isaac Messer, for way-marks,	2.00
County tax,	421.73
State tax,	211.40
Town of New-London's tax,	11.04
the Sutton tax,	3.00
Isaac C. Pattee, for abatement on taxes for 1854 :	
widow Frances Eaton,	1.80
James Blodgett,	1.44
1855 :	
John S. Corlis,	1.65
Thomas Chase,	1.32
Matthew Emery,	1.32
William Eaton,	1.32
Jonathan Haskins,	1.32
Matthew Oliver,	1.32
William H. Wells,	1.32
Lorsen E. Woodward,	1.32
1856 :	
Samuel Carr,	17.25
Reuben N. Call,	2.87
Amos Page,	17.25
Robert F. Pierce,	5.50
Beldin Morgan,	2.68

Paid M. E. Sargent's bill for services as town clerk,	10.00
M. E. Sargent, for recording division of town farm and recording marriages, births and deaths,	6.58
J. G. Everett, for lumber and work on bridges,	33.62
Eben White, for work on bridges,	9.50
for inventory books, and collector's books, and sur- veyor's warrants for 1855 and 1856,	2.45
for postage and stationery,	2.00
pauper, to buy medicine,	.50
Jonathan R. Addison, for fixing round town house,	48.50
grass seed to sow round town house,	.45
John M. Dow, for digging grave and going with hearse,	2.50
B. W. Gay, for breaking out highway, 1855,	4.50
Theophilus Clough, for damage in consequence of bad road near the Scythe Factory District,	3.00
Asa Ray's bill for the support of William Ray fifteen weeks,	10.00
Amos G. Woodward, for the support of Eliza Sar- gent and two children,	38.00
D. T. Langley, for boarding and clothing Edwin R. Sargent's son,	9.30
J. H. Hayes, for clothing for two sons of E. R. Sar- gent,	15.72
Richard Sanborn, for clothing for Henry Sargent, and for boarding Henry Sargent eleven weeks,	4.79
Henry F. Lane, superintending school committee, on Amos Page's note,	8.80
Greenwood & Burpee's bill of goods delivered to Amos G. Woodward for Eliza Sargent,	30.00
Cyrus S. Burpee's bill for stone and setting the same in burying ground,	150.00
School District No. 3, for school house tax,	4.73
interest on money for liquor shop,	26.94
interest on money for the town's use,	100.00
due on collector's bond, 1856,	13.43
due on collector's bond of school house tax, Dis- trict No. 3,	5.74
Josiah T. Sanborn and wife, for thirteen weeks,	382.40
	192.60
	13.00
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	\$3,223.77

Selectmen's Bills.

Paid Albert Little, for services :

Mar. 13. To attending to pauper case,	2.00
18. To $\frac{1}{2}$ day at town farm,	.50

April	1.	4 days taking invoice,	4.00
	1.	6 days making taxes and warrants,	6.00
	14.	3 days to attend to pauper case at Manchester,	3.00
	28.	Distributing warrants,	1.00
	29.	For copying taxes for State,	2.00
May	13.	2 days to attend to pauper case at Manchester,	2.00
		For appointing and notifying committee to locate school house in District No. 3,	2.00
	19.	For making school house tax for School District No. 3,	1.00
Aug.	30.	To lotting out burying ground,	2.00
Sept.	6.	To School District No. 3, for appraising damage and making out papers for the same,	2.00
Oct.	16.	To making warrants and check-lists,	3.00
Nov.	10.	To part of a day to examine the estate of Smith Knowlton,	.50
	17.	To part of a day at Knowlton's,	.50
	20.	2 days on pauper business and expenses,	6.50
Dec.	24.	Regulating juror box,	.50
	17.	For going with Martha Knowlton to the Asylum, and expense,	3.00
Jan.	13.	For moving pauper child to town farm,	1.00
Feb.	28.	1 day at town farm appraising property,	1.00
		For services at town farm at various times,	2.00
	21.	To making warrants and check lists,	3.00
		For collecting D. H. Adams' bond,	2.00
		5 days settling and making reports,	5.00
		To keeping town books, receiving money and paying out the same,	5.00
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			\$60.50

Paid Jonathan R. Addison, for services:

April	1.	7 days taking invoice and making taxes,	7.00
		$\frac{1}{2}$ day distributing warrants,	.50
May.		$\frac{1}{2}$ day making school house tax, District No. 3,	.50
August.		To laying out burying ground,	1.50
Sept.		$\frac{1}{2}$ day appraising school house lot, District No. 3,	.50
Nov.		1 week's board of Julius Sargent,	1.00
		$\frac{1}{2}$ day to Mr. Bowers' to get a place for Julius Sargent,	.50
		$\frac{1}{2}$ day to carry him to Bowers',	.50
		$\frac{1}{2}$ day to Widow Knowlton's to see about the property of the estate,	.75
		Going to Andover after Henry Sargent,	2.00
		To board of Henry Sargent, one week,	1.00

Nov.	Going to Springfield after place for Henry Sargent,	1.50
	For moving Edwin Sargent's wife to town farm,	.50
Jan. '57.	To moving Edwin Sargent's goods from Andover to town farm,	2.00
Feb.	To 1 day appraising stock on poor farm,	1.00
	$\frac{1}{2}$ day making report,	.50
	To settling with liquor agent,	1.50
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		\$22.75

Paid Seth F. Sargent for services :

April.	To 5 days taking invoice and making taxes,	5.00
Aug.	To lotting out burying ground,	1.50
Sept.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day appraising school house lot,	.50
Feb.	1 day at town farm,	1.00
Dec.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day regulating juror box,	.50
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		\$8.50
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		\$3,315.52

The Selectmen credit the Town of New-London for 1857 as follows :

In the hands of the Selectmen for 1855,	171.78
By list of taxes assessed April last,	2,129.16
Received Isaac Bunker's interest on note,	30.00
Asa Pingree, interest on note,	17.59
Stephen Sargent, for 1855 and 1856,	21.00
John J. Sargent, for 1855 and 1856,	32.78
Literary fund money,	64.68
on Isaac C. Pattee's bond, 1855,	262.14
of Robert Fulton,	24.45

School District No. 3 is credited as follows :

By list of taxes May last assessed,	302.26
Abatements, S. Carr, 8.29 ; R. M.	
Call, 1.37,	9.66

\$292.60

From poor farm, 1856,	80.33
Israel Hunting, interest on note,	1.80
Anthony Colby and Daniel E. Colby on the collector's bond of Dennis H. Adams,	68.62

Amount of credit, \$3,196.93

Amount paid out,	\$3,315.52
Amount of credit,	\$3,196.93
Balance due the selectmen,	\$118.59
Estimate of debts against the town,	1,517.10
Means of paying the same,	629.01
Amount of debts above the means of paying,	\$888.09

ALBERT LITTLE, } *Selectmen*
 JONA. R. ADDISON, } *of*
 SETH F. SARGENT, } *New-London.*

TOWN FARM.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY ON POOR FARM, FEBRUARY 18, 1857.

20 tons of hay,	160.00
2 oxen, 115.00 ; 3 cows, 100.00,	200.15
3 of three years old, 102.00 ; 2 two year old, 36.00,	138.00
2 of one year old, 28.00 ; 10 hens, 3.34,	31.34
2 shoats, 30.00,	30.00
50 bushels corn, 50.00 ; 2½ barley, 2.00 ; 10 bushels oats, 5.00,	57.00
2½ bush. beans, 5.00 ; 80 bush. potatoes, 40.00,	45.00
100 lbs. pork, 12.00 ; 10 lbs. butter, 2.00 ; 10 lbs. cheese, .80,	14.80
10 lbs. lard, 1.67 ; ½ bbl. flour, 4.25 ; fish, .50,	6.42
½ bbl. soap, 1.50 ; candles and tallow, 1.25,	2.75
1 lb. tea, .50 ; 1 gal. molasses, .55,	1.05
842 lights sash, 25.26 ; 1 m. hemlock boards, 7.00,	32.26
Household furniture, 110.00 ; wearing apparel, 75.00,	185.00
Farming utensils,	75.00
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	\$993.62

The Poor Farm is credited for 1856, as follows :

Rec'd for 1 cow, 32.00 ; 2 two year olds, 50.00,	82.00
4 three years old steers, 130.50 ; 1 calf, 3.00,	133.50
boot on cattle, 5.00 ; 1 hide, 4.00 ; 67 bushels oats, 33.50,	42.50
5¾ bush. corn, 5.75 ; 45 of potatoes, 12.81,	18.56
25 lbs. butter, 5.77 ; eggs, 2.31 ; 1730 lights of sash, 51.91,	59.99
hemlock bark,	29.25
25 lbs. of poultry, 2.75,	2.75
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	\$368.55

For board of county paupers, which I have not received, is in the hands of George W. Everett, some thirty dollars or more.

The Poor Farm is chargeable for 1856, as follows :

Paid for 2 two years old steers,	56.00
for calf, 8.50 ; 2 pigs, 5.00,	13.50
Ira Smith for pasturing,	3.34
Albert Little for pasturing,	7.00
Ira Smith for drawing potatoes,	1.47
for 5 lbs. 14 ozs. of wool,	2.30
for drawing bark,	4.25
for blacksmithing,	2.10
Jesse Baker, for ironing wheel-barrow,	1.00
for work in haying,	35.00
for work plowing, 3.25 ; and hoeing, 2.10,	5.35
for digging potatoes and sawing logs,	1.83
for 6 bushels of wheat, 12.00 ; one axe, 1.00,	13.00
1½ bush. onions, 1.50 ; 1 gal. vinegar, .17,	1.67
½ bush. rye, .50 ; mending tin ware, .45,	.95
carding wool, .33 ; horse and wagon, .25,	.58
45 lbs. tallow, 6.30 ; oil, 1.61,	7.91
19 lbs. tea, 11.17 ; 46 lbs. sugar, 5.55,	16.72
26 lbs. coffee, 3.10 ; 26 lbs. tobacco, 6.78,	9.88
19½ gals. molasses, 9.49 ; fish, 13.56,	23.05
9 lbs. saleratus, 58 ; white lead, 65,	1.23
Matches, .35 ; salt, 1.93,	2.28
Flour, 19.17 ; pork, 22.25,	41.42
Shoes, 2.51 ; Boots, 3.00,	5.51
5 yds. Tweed, 1.67 ; thread, .41,	2.08
Cassia, .71 ; glass, 2.02,	2.73
2 shovels, 1.75 ; 1 basket, .25,	2.00
Rice, .98 ; 2 boxes caps, .20 ; 1 knife, .13,	1.31
Brads and screws, .23 ; nails, 1.02,	1.25
Cotton cloth, 8.19 ; raisins, .35,	8.54
2 ropes, .70 ; whiting, .24 ; 2 bottles bitters, .49,	1.43
Sarsaparilla, 1.00 ; small articles, .32,	1.32
Small articles, .38 ; crockery 1.41,	1.79
Goods delivered to William Sargent, by Greenwood & Burpee,	3.71
by 9 yds. Print, 1.12½ ; 1 yd. cotton cloth, 09,	1.22
George W. Sargent, for pine boards,	3.50

288.22

Amount of credit in favor of the town,	\$368.55
Amount charged the past year,	288.22
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Balance in favor of poor farm,	\$80.33

All which is respectfully submitted by

ALBERT LITTLE,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
JONA. R. ADDISON,	
SETH F. SARGENT,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>New-London.</i>



REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF NEW-LONDON, N. H.,
FOR THE YEAR 1856-7.

YOUR Superintending Committee, in making his report, has reason to congratulate the citizens of New-London on the general prosperity that has attended their educational efforts during the past year. In not a single instance has your Committee been called to exercise his executive authority in any difficulty or misunderstanding between teacher and pupils. In almost every district the ability of the teachers, the complete harmony between the instructor and the scholars, and the satisfaction on the part of the parents, have rendered the improvement of the scholars highly gratifying.

From various causes, you Committee is unable to make, at the present time, so complete a report as is desirable, the chief of which are as follows :

In two of the districts, Nos. 1 and 2, you Committee was not informed either when the summer schools commenced, or when they closed. In two, numbers 3 and 4, the teachers were providentially compelled to bring their schools suddenly to a close, (No. 3, in the summer ; No. 4, in the winter ;) and in one, No. 5 during the summer he was absent from town when it closed ; consequently, these schools he visited but once during the sessions designated, and therefore cannot speak so definitely in respect to their improvement.

Again, your Committee is called upon for his yearly report, before the winter schools are all closed, and before the registers of the several districts have been handed in ; consequently he cannot give the *statistical* information that is desirable. With these disadvantages, he presents, as nearly as he is able, the state of the several schools.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

The school in this district was taught in the summer by Miss PORTER. In the one visit made during the session, the scholars, though very few in number, appeared orderly and attentive to their studies. The winter school has been highly prospered under the instruction of Mr. Sargent, who, for his ability and pains-taking diligence, deserves the highest commendation, and the complete success

which has attended his labors. The school, though small, in some respects displayed more ability than any other in town.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

This school, during the summer, was orderly and prosperous, under the efficient care of an experienced teacher, Miss BURPEE. It has never been our lot to visit a more orderly school than this presented under her management.

The winter term of this school, at the time of writing this report, had not closed; but from what we have already witnessed of the well-trying ability of its teacher, Mr. FOWLER, we are confident in saying that the scholars are under excellent discipline and faithful instruction, and will be found, at the close, to have made corresponding improvement.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

This is the largest school in town, and is, besides, owing to the superior advantages which many of its scholars have enjoyed, the most advanced. Its summer session was taught by Miss SMILEY, who is evidently gifted with an aptness to teach, and who joins to her aptness a highly commendable enthusiasm. She, to all appearance, had the affection of her pupils; but, perhaps, in her case, more severity of manner would have increased the efficiency of her discipline, and thus have rendered still more effectual her other estimable traits as a teacher. During the winter the school has been under the care of Mr. EDWARD KNIGHT, and its appearance justifies the highest praise and reflects great credit on the teacher. His lucid manner of explaining *first principles*, made the understanding of them possible to the dullest comprehension.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

The summer school of this district, taught by Miss BARTLETT, was not so highly satisfactory to the Committee as he could have desired. From some cause there did not exist that harmony between the teacher and the taught, which is always necessary to insure success. Where the fault lies the Committee will leave others better informed to decide. But if the *summer* school was wanting in the essentials of instruction, the *winter* school supplied every lack, under the able management of Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. JOHNSON gained the fear, respect and love of his pupils, and the perfect confidence of the parents, all of which were fully deserved. Every thing moved in that school with regularity, precision and marked improvement. Our only regret is, that the teacher was necessarily called away from his labors at the end of seven weeks.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

The summer school was taught by Miss GATES, who, in the judgment of your Committee, has a marked ability to instruct. The previous reputation of the school has generally been that of one in which it is difficult to preserve order. Your Committee is of the opinion that this difficulty arises, not so much from the *evil disposition*, as

from the *thoughtlessness* of the scholars, which has been engendered by a previous laxity of government, and which might easily be checked in the future by a proper discipline. There is reason to believe that there has been an improvement in this respect during the present year, on some of the past years. The winter school, taught by Mr. DEAN, appeared exceedingly well, both in respect to order of deportment and improvement in study. This winter's school was the first experience of Mr. DEAN in teaching, and it is due to him to say that, *within the school*, in the department of instruction, we could have wished for nothing more in a teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

This school has continued to maintain the enviable distinction of being a good and orderly school. In the summer it was taught by Miss PLOOMA DAVIS, who well understands the art of making a school-room an agreeable place to scholars; fully capable, in every respect, of directing their studies; she moved among her scholars as an elder companion, and under her instruction there was marked improvement. The winter term was under the charge of Mr. SAMUEL PHILBRICK. His faithfulness, patience, zeal and determination were crowned with success, which was manifested in the appearance of the school at its close.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

This school, with two or three individual exceptions among its small number of pupils, is the most backward school in town. On the other hand, it should be mentioned to their credit, that the scholars, without an exception, are well disposed. The summer school, taught by Miss WIGGINS, manifested commendable care and diligence on the part of the teacher, and a fair attention to study, and corresponding improvement on the part of the scholars.

Mr. HERRICK, who taught the winter school, displayed in this, his second attempt, all the qualities of a thorough teacher, and a good disciplinarian. In no school of the town have there been manifested more marked cases of *individual* improvement, while the general aspect of the school has been highly satisfactory.

In conclusion, your committee would give it as his opinion, that the general gratifying condition of the schools has been owing *mainly* to a more than usual care on the part of the prudential committees in the selection of teachers, and would recommend that the same policy be continued in the future. *Good teachers*, rather than *cheap teachers*, should be the motto of every district.

The committee would call attention, also, to the condition of the school-houses. District No. 3 has, in the building of their new school-house, set a good example for other districts to follow. Not that it would be necessary, or even commendable, to go to the same expense in each district; but each district, according to its ability, should seek the same conveniences. The school-houses which seem to demand immediate attention are those in Districts Nos. 2 and 4;

while all, at a very trifling expense, could be improved in the important matters of a good ventilation and of easier seats, especially for the smallest scholars.

Your committee would also further suggest, that the parents, in their coöperation with the committee and teachers, do strive to make the study of geography occupy a more prominent place than it now does in the list of common school studies. This study has been too much neglected.

Many other important suggestions might easily be made, but your committee has confined himself to those which may easily, without any very great extra effort, be carried into operation the coming year.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

HENRY F. LANE,
Superintending School Committee.

To the Selectmen of the town of New-London.

NEW-LONDON, Feb. 24, 1857.

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